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Along with the petition to convert the CPA to a continuation application, referencing the parent serial number of 09/641,190, the enclosed Preliminary Amendment was filed which canceled Claims 1-47, 55-82 and 87-97. While the Remarks to the Preliminary Amendment are illogical, the cancellation of claims leave Claims 48-54 and 83-86 pending. The undersigned cannot determine if the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 4, 2002 reached the Examiner for this case, or how the Examiner came to the conclusion that Claims 1-31 were pending. Applicant requests that examination occur on the basis of Claims 48-54 and 83-86.


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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